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INCLUDING LNA FOR METHODS TO DETECT
AND/OR QUANTIFY NUCLEIC ACID ANALYTES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests early entry of the following amendment to the above-identified application as indicated below. Included with this amendment is a copy of the Abstract on a separate sheet of paper.

Amendments to the Specification are listed beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.